

### **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Franklin County Commissioners are joining Franklin County Children Services again in April to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect in our community. Preventing and reporting child abuse are the most important things a community can do for its children. In 2012, FCCS received more than 30,000 referrals for service for suspected child abuse and neglect.

Suspected child abuse and neglect can be reported by calling FCCS' 24-hour child abuse hotline at (614) 229-7000.

Throughout April, commissioners, FCCS and community partners will team up to address this important community issue. Beginning in early April more than 5,000 blue Pinwheels for Prevention will be planted as a reminder that every child needs our protection.

Go to [www.franklincountyohio.gov/children\\_services](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/children_services) for information preventing child abuse and neglect in Franklin County.